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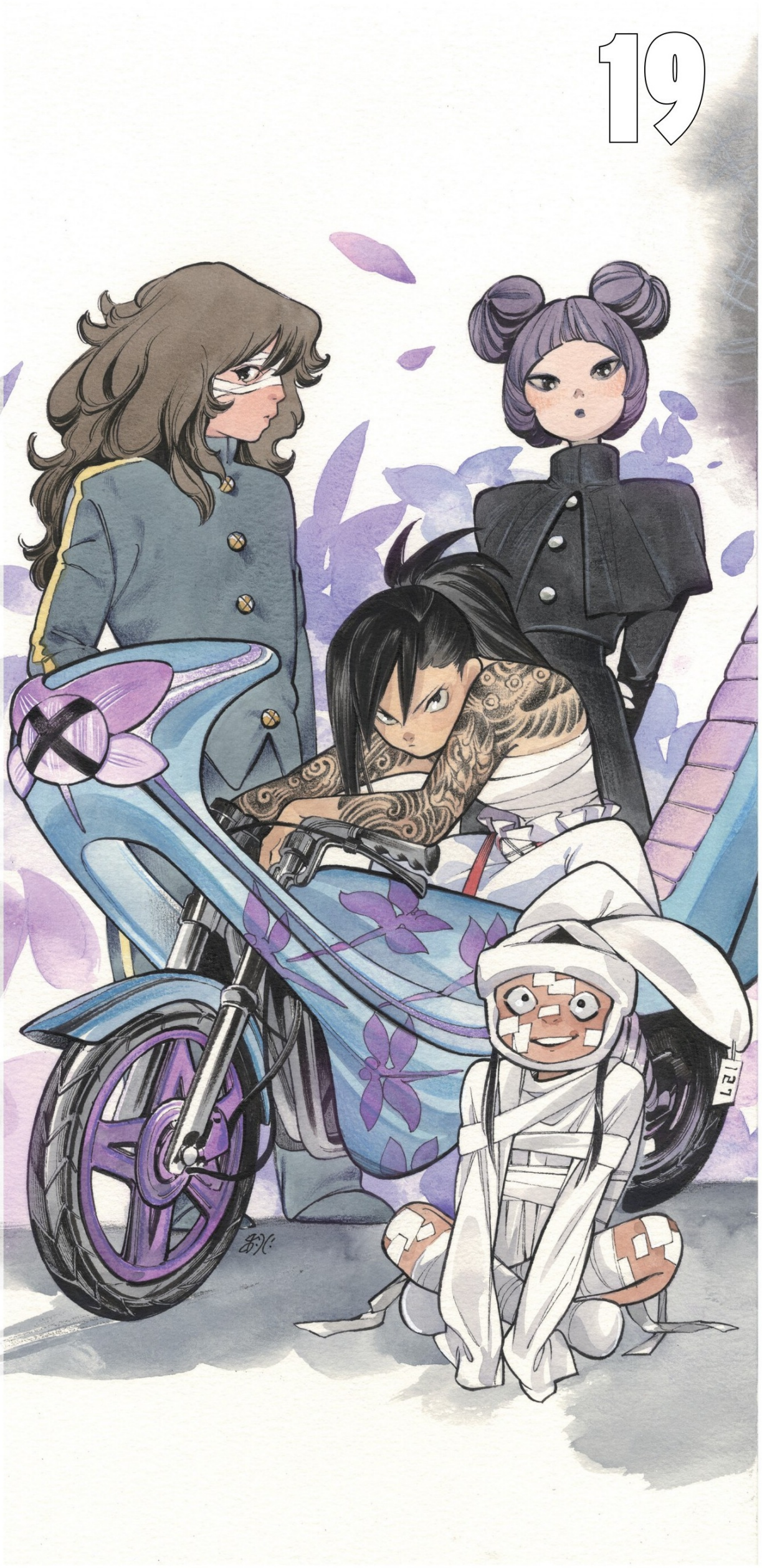

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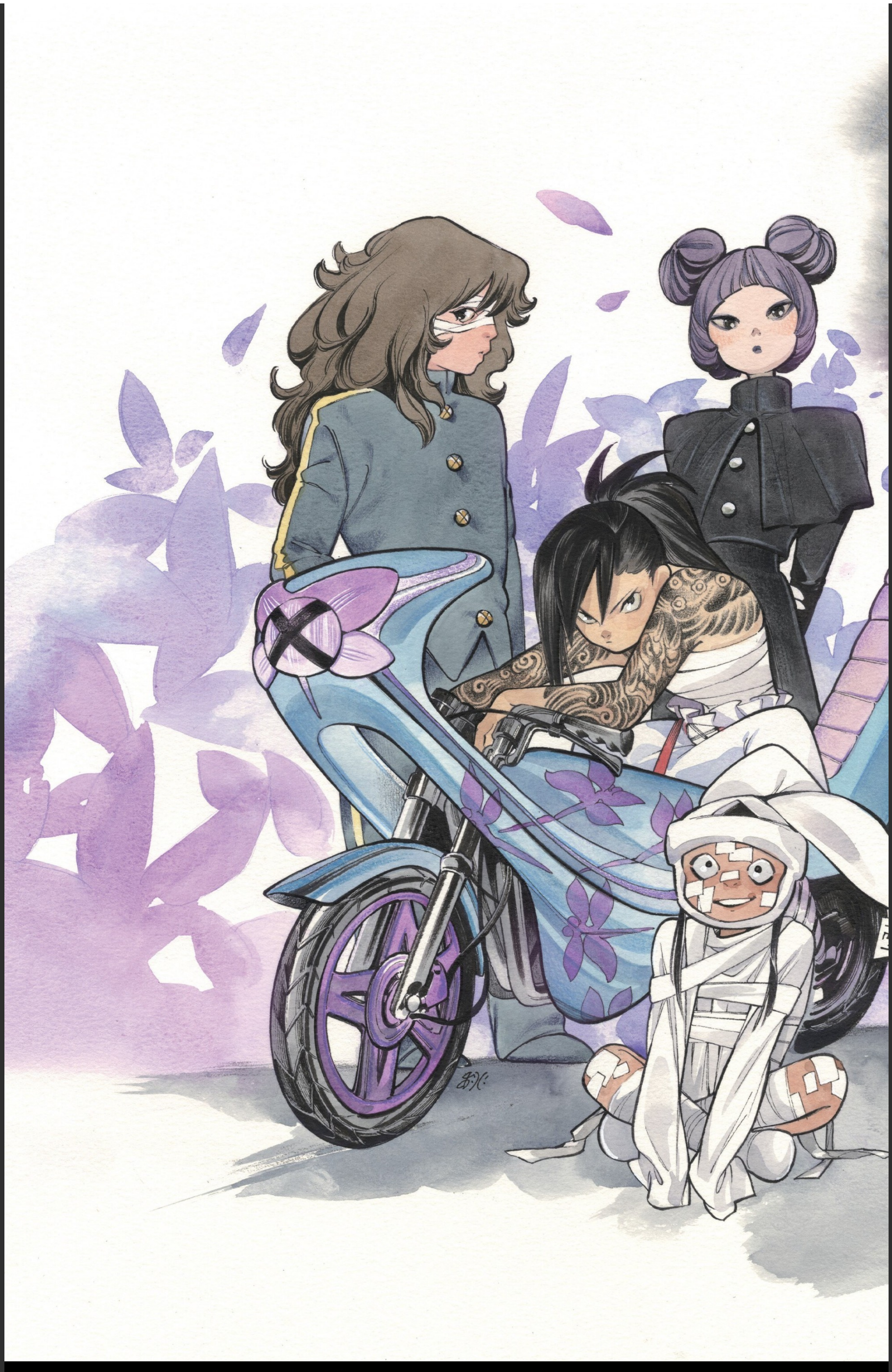

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MARVEL REMEMBERS

JIM SHOOTER

1951-2025

Marvel remembers the life and career of Jim Shooter, a giant of the comics industry. Jim began his career in comics at the age of 14 writing DC's Legion of Super Heroes in *Action Comics*. He came to Marvel in 1976 and quickly moved up to become editor in chief, holding that position from 1978 to 1987. He brought new ideas and processes to the company, creating an editorial structure and supportive initiatives for creators that are still in place today.

Under his tenure, Marvel released classic stories such as Jim Starlin's *Death of Captain Marvel*, Walter Simonson's *Thor*, Frank Miller's *Daredevil* and Chris Claremont's *X-Men*. His *Secret Wars* limited series also went on to usher in an era of event comics and company-wide crossovers.

After leaving Marvel, he would go on to lead three other comic book companies and continue writing and making convention appearances. Shooter profoundly affected the comics industry, and his undeniable legacy will not be forgotten.

FOR MORE REMEMBRANCES OF JIM SHOOTER FROM MARVEL AND THE COMICS COMMUNITY, PLEASE VISIT MARVEL.COM.

"The modern comic book industry would not be the same without Jim Shooter's contributions as a writer, editor and editor in chief. He left an indelible mark on our business, both creatively and culturally, and so many of us are where we are today thanks to Jim bringing Marvel to such prominence in the '80s. I met Jim for the first time when I was 13 years old and last saw him in the summer of 2022, where I was able to tell him how much his efforts meant to me and so many fans, and how it was an honor to be following in his footsteps. Rest in peace, Jim."

— C.B. CEBULSKI, EDITOR IN CHIEF

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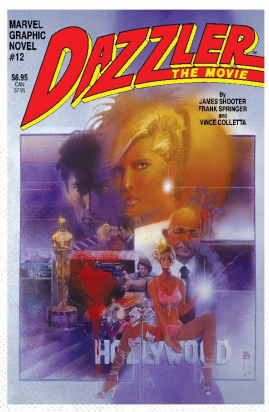

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A diabolical genius known as **THE MAKER** used time travel to create his ideal Earth by systematically preventing anyone from ever becoming a super hero—except for those on his secret **MAKER'S COUNCIL**, whom he stationed to rule over different regions of the world.

HI NO KUNI ("LAND OF THE SUN") became one of two hotbeds for mutant activity, but civilians were unaware until social media exploded with the story of **CHILDREN OF THE ATOM**, a cult for mutant youth led by a zealot known as **MAESTER**.

MEI IGARASHI (MAYSTORM) and her masked **X-MEN** freed **HISAKO ICHIKI (ARMOR)** from the cult's imprisonment, but Hisako and **SHINOBU KAGEYAMA (SHADOW KING)** disappeared inside **AKIHIRO** and the **ASTRAL PLANE**. This created Maester's ultimate biological weapon—**MY-X**. Weeks later, the X-Men recovered an unconscious Hisako. Meanwhile, Maester turned **NORIKO ASHIDA (SURGE)** into the first guinea pig for MY-X, sending her and his other cultists after all who stand in their way! And then he injected himself with MY-X...

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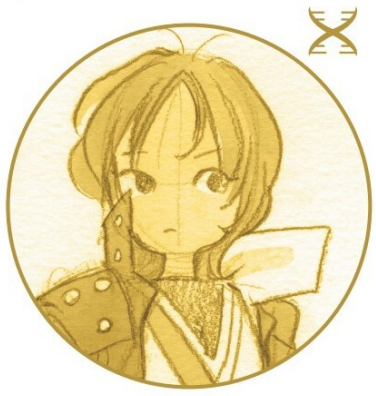

HISAKO ICHIKI
ARMOR

MEI IGARASHI
MAYSTORM

NICO MINORU
FLEDGLING PSYCHIC

MORI
NICO'S FRIEND

NATSU TSUKISHIMA
NICO'S FRIEND

KANON SAINOUCHI
PSYLOCKE

NORIKO ASHIDA
SURGE

SHINOBU KAGEYAMA
SHADOW KING

MAESTER
CHILDREN OF THE ATOM LEADER

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knew you
'd come.
the same.

Alone.
Friendless.

Friendless?

NO.

I have
friends.

PING

X-MEN Group Chat:
616 unread messages

App alert:
50+ apps unused

Occult Club:
New episode

News alert:
Hi No Kuni's Sun Emperor meeting with...

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Reporting live from the scene...

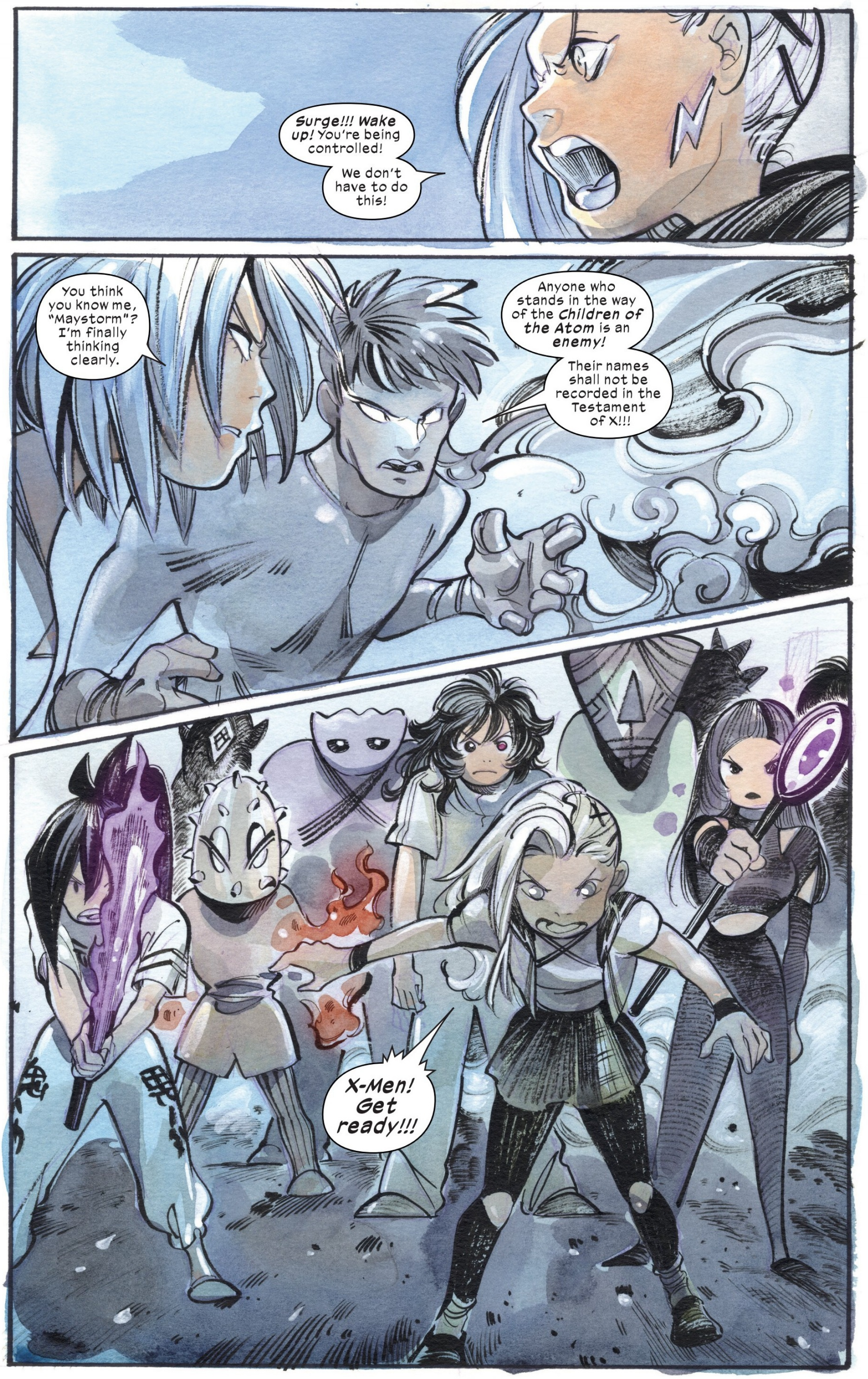
The two mutant groups appear to be in a standoff--

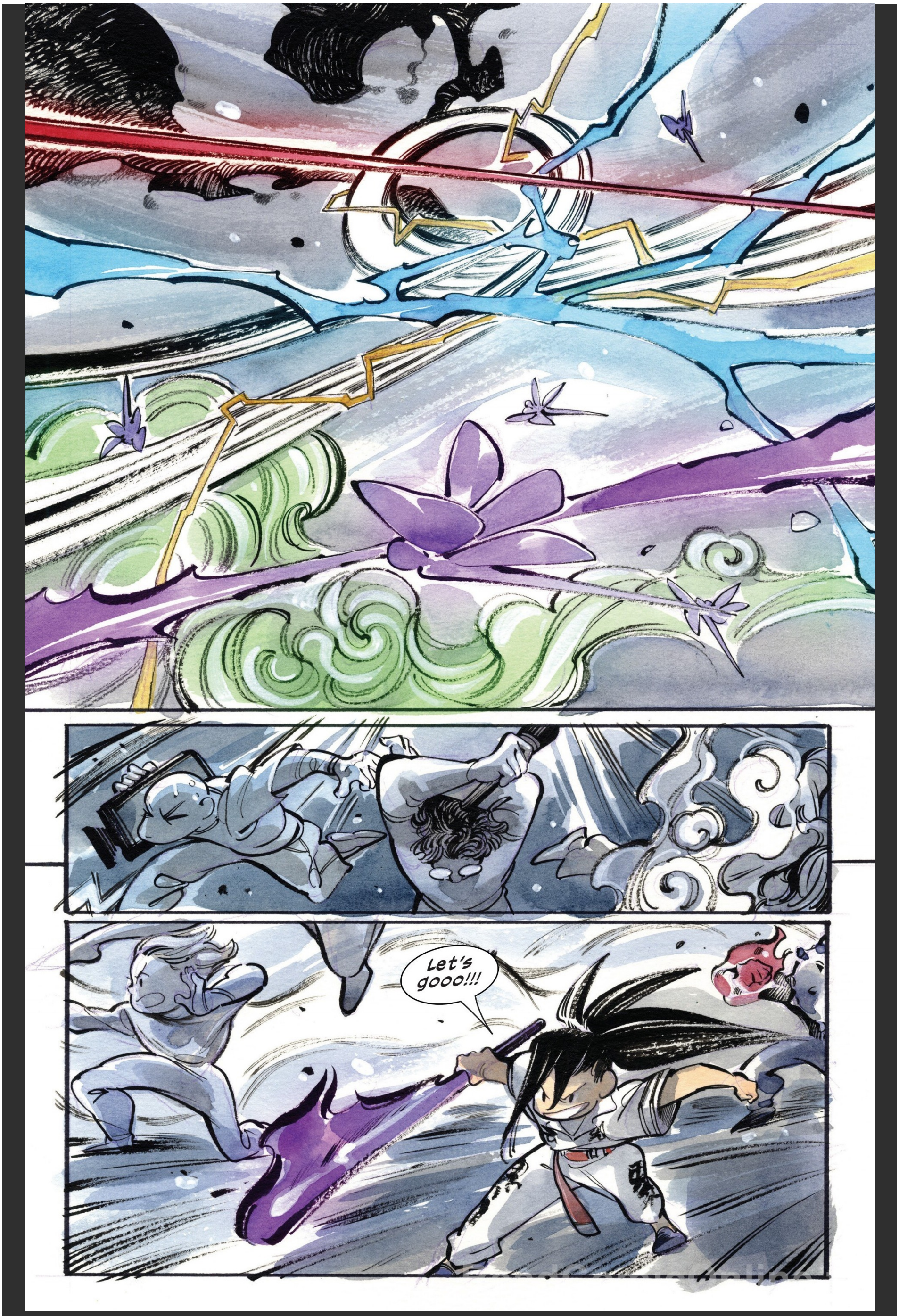
KZZTTZZTTT

Suzuki? Hello?

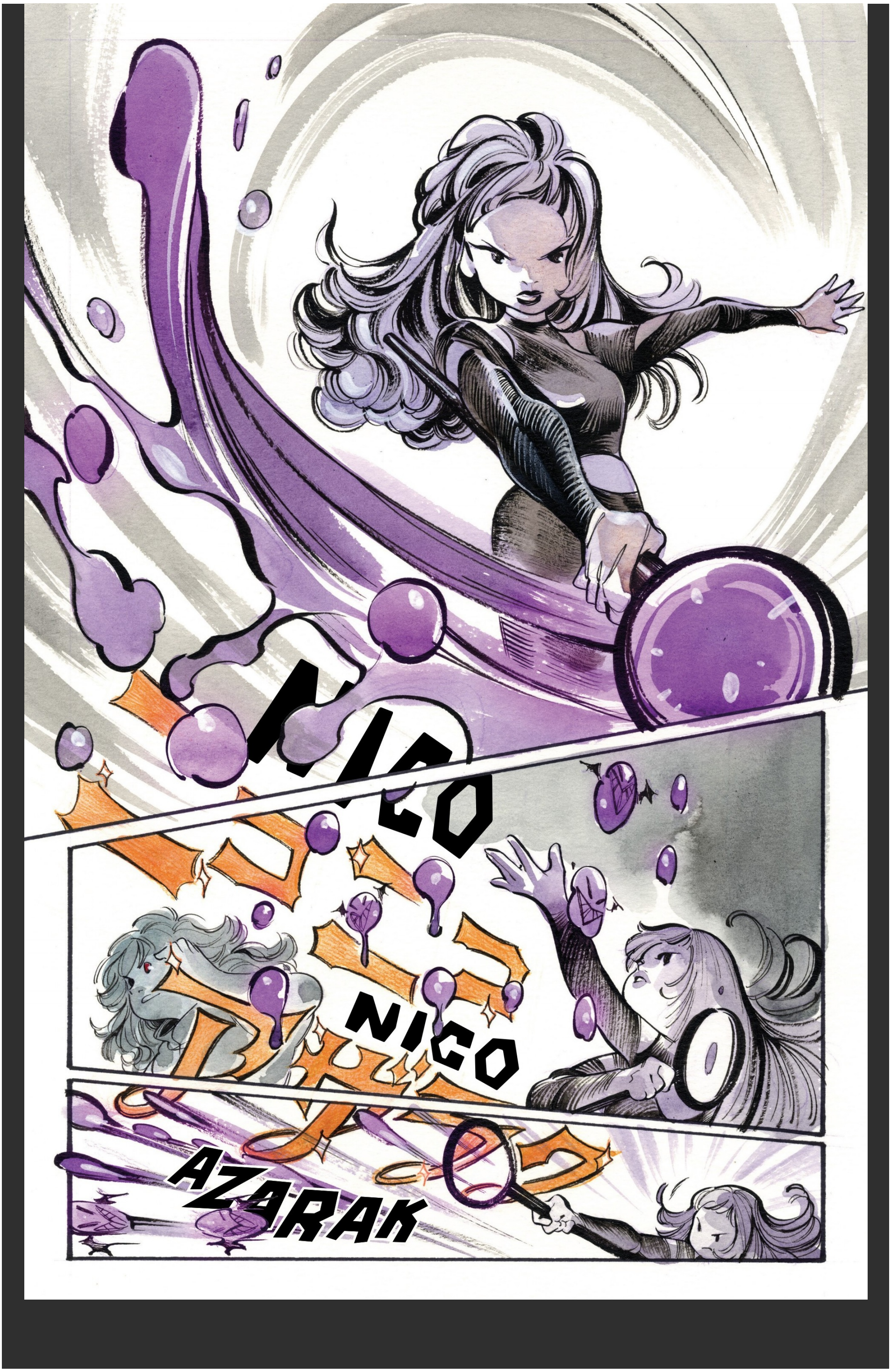
Enough.

ZZZZZTTT


Surge!!! Wake up! You're being controlled!
We don't have to do this!
You think you know me, "Maystorm"? I'm finally thinking clearly.
Anyone who stands in the way of the Children of the Atom is an enemy!
Their names shall not be recorded in the Testament of X!!!
X-Men! Get ready!!!


Let's gooo!!!

Oni Ikken!
UWAAH!


NICO
AZARAK

FWOAAR
Urrk!!!

Why can't you understand?!
Surge, snap out of it!!!
KLZTTTLZTTT

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Hisako!!!

Hi-chan! Are you okay? You've been zonked out for weeks!!!

I'm good now-- thanks to you, Mei.

I realized I wasn't alone. I have people who need me. Who guide me.

So I found my way back.

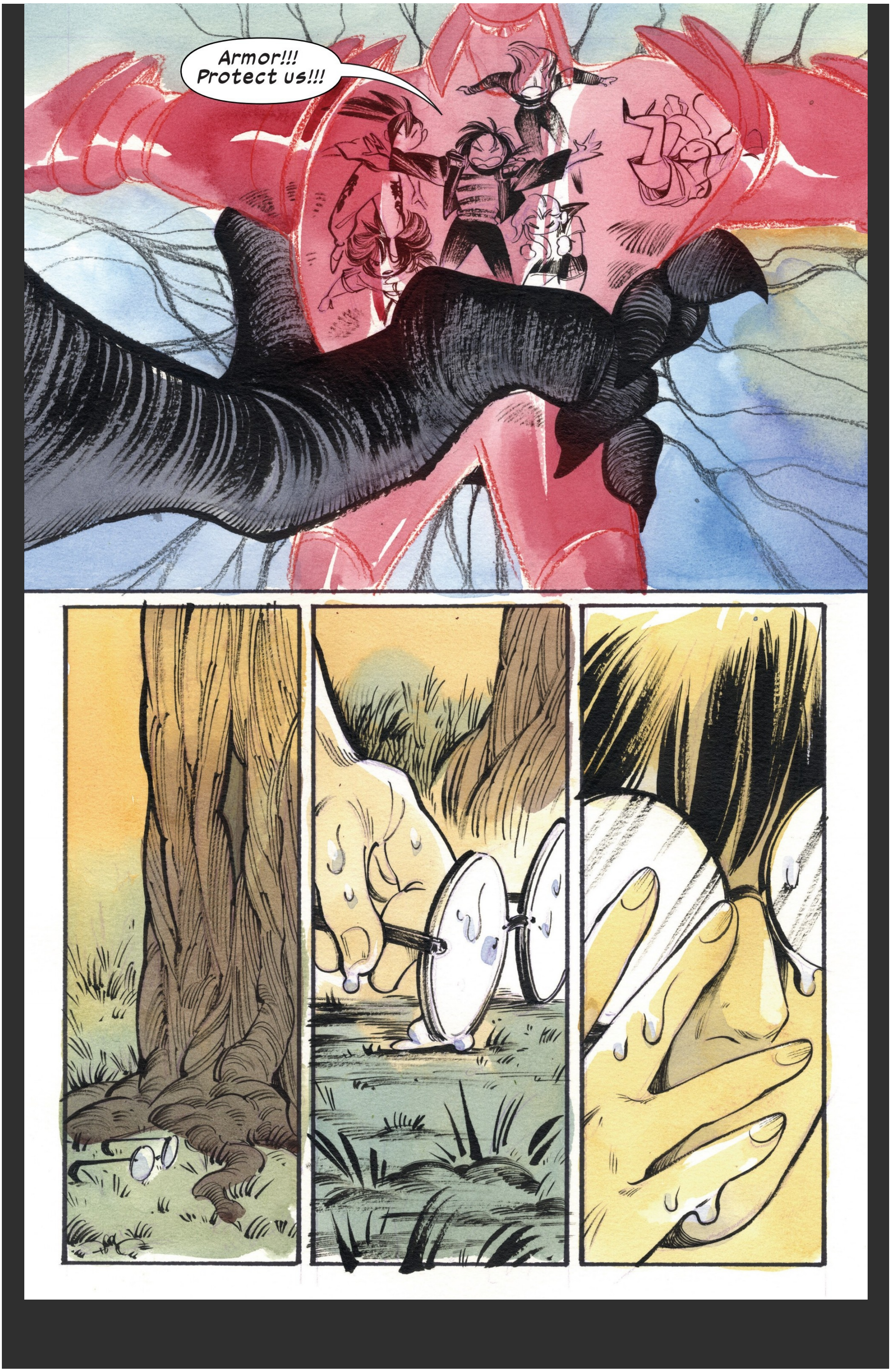
Damn you, Hisako!!!

Out of my way, you worthless *Homo inferior!*

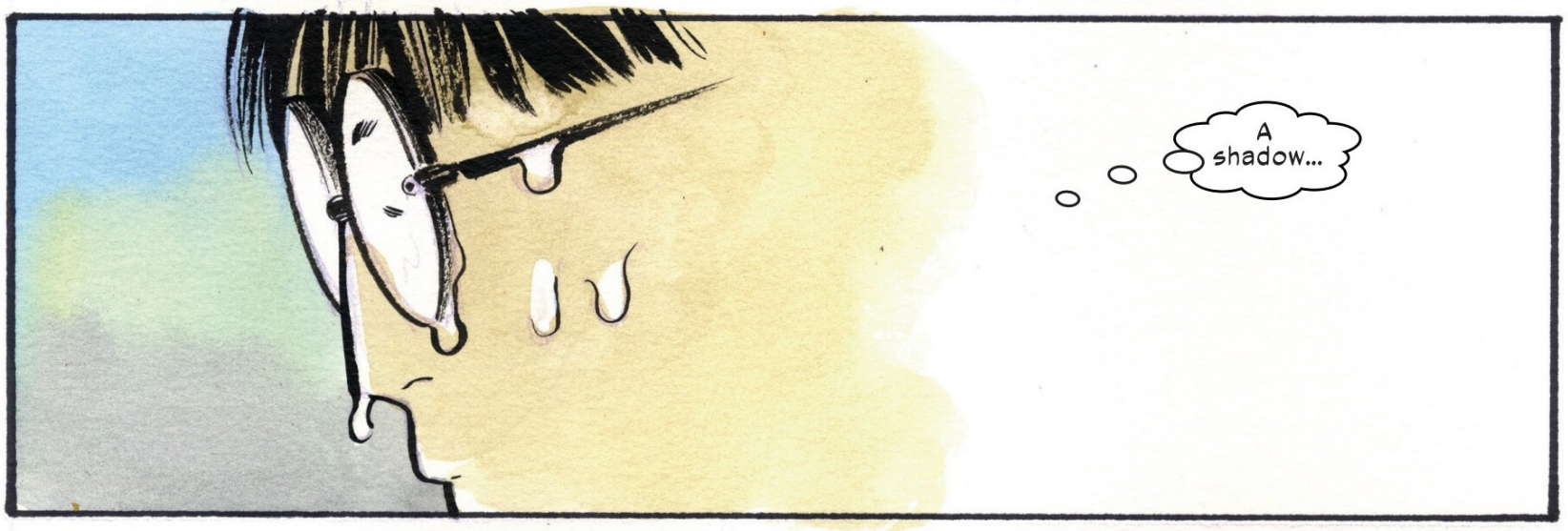
Even with the MY-X boost I gave you, Noriko...

...you still disappoint me.

I'll kill them myself.


Armor!!!
Protect us!!!

No one came to look for me. No one cared.
They didn't even notice I was gone.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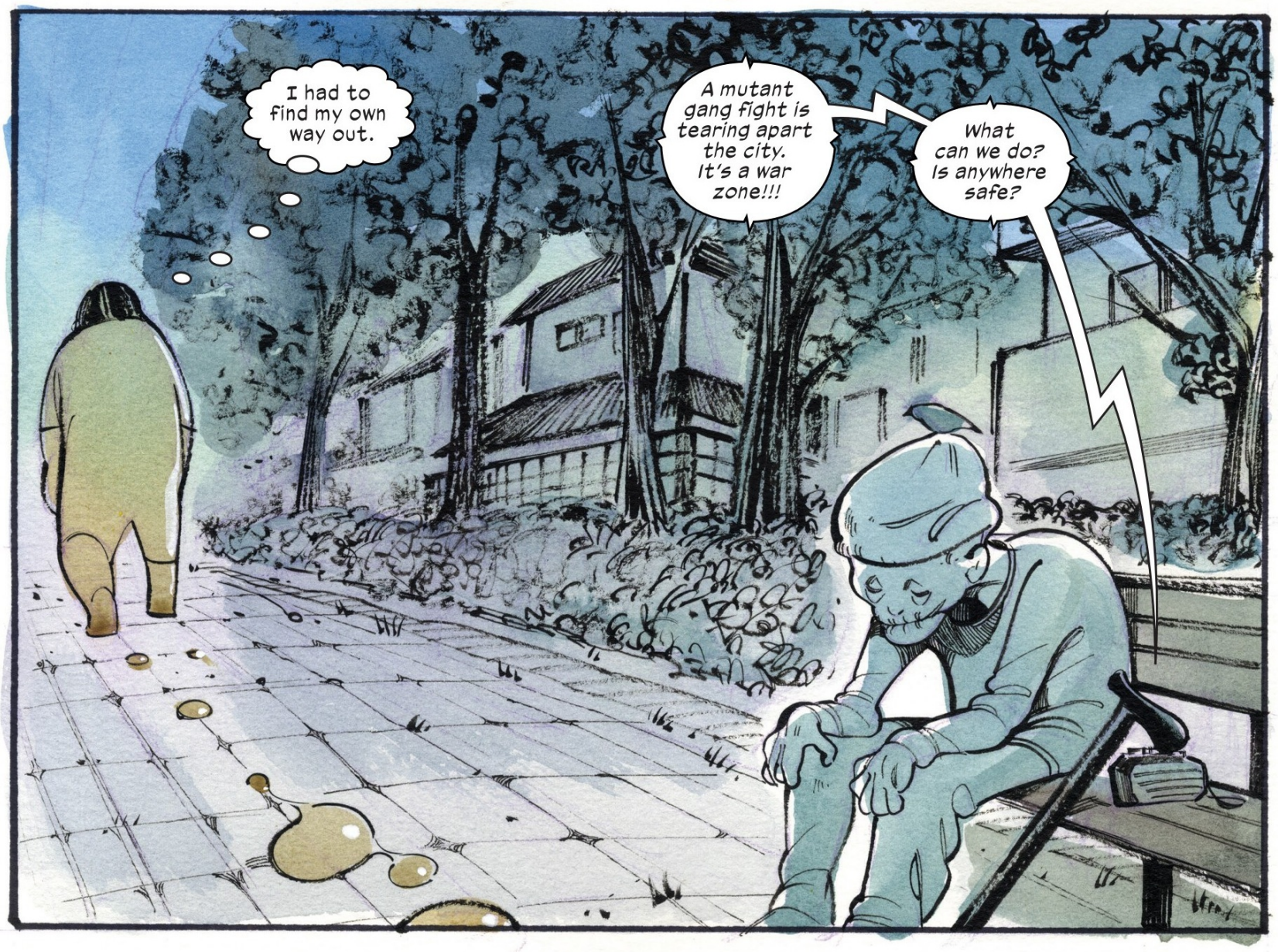
I had to find my own way out.
A mutant gang fight is tearing apart the city. It's a war zone!!!
What can we do? Is anywhere safe?

Everyone I know is in some place I don't know, using *my* power to kill each other...

What is happening?!

This is unacceptable.

What happened? Where'd Maester go? It's... quiet.
I dunno, Kanon...everyone okay?

I never said you could use my power.

Shinobu, I...

Goodbye.

POP

Hey, you okay?
Are you hurt?
Hey, Mori! Give us a hand!!!
Stay still.

Was that...?

Yeah, I think so...

"Kageyama."

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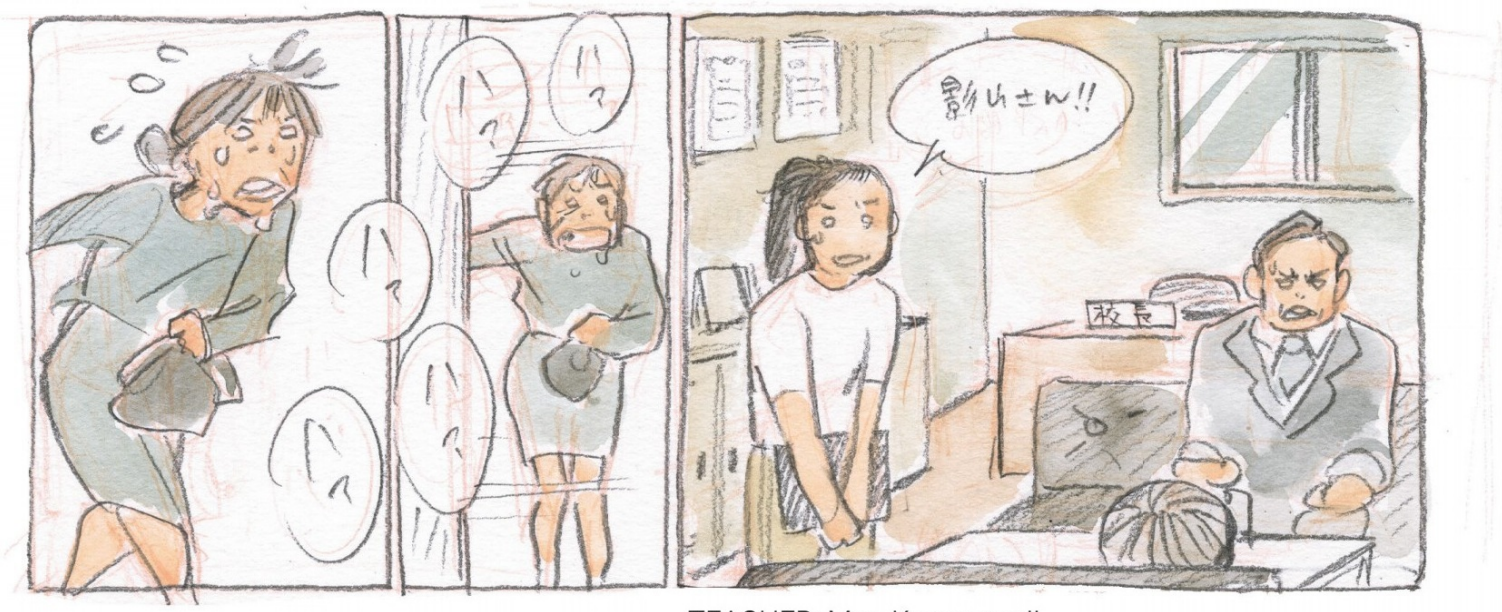
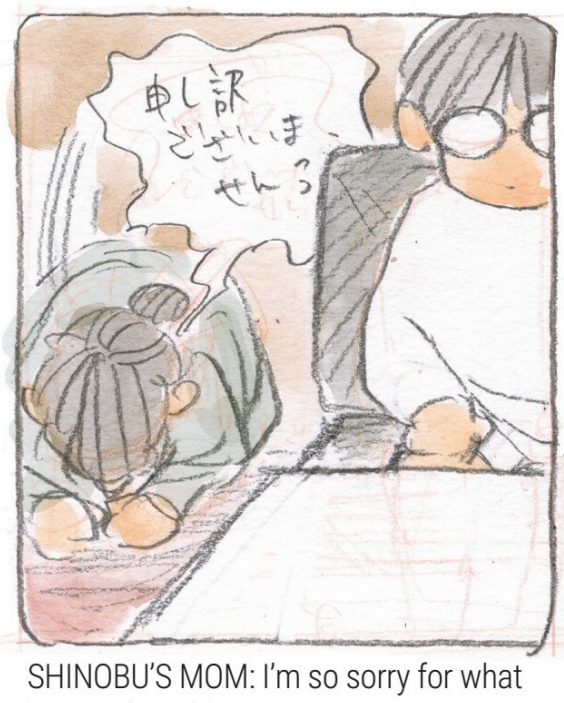
SHINOBU KAGEYAMA – 1ST GRADE – CASE #1



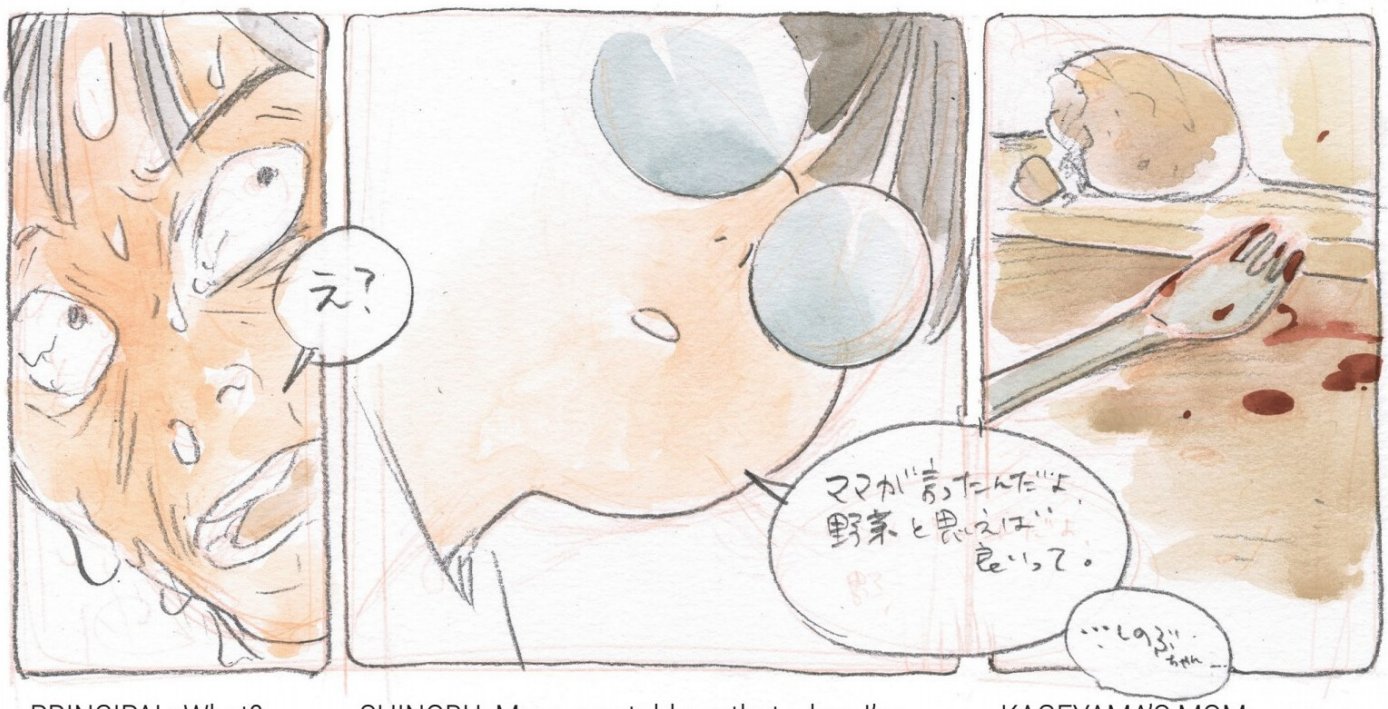
TEACHER: Mrs. Kageyama!!



SHINOBU'S MOM: I'm so sorry for what my son has done!

PRINCIPAL: Now, now... Mrs. Kageyama, please...

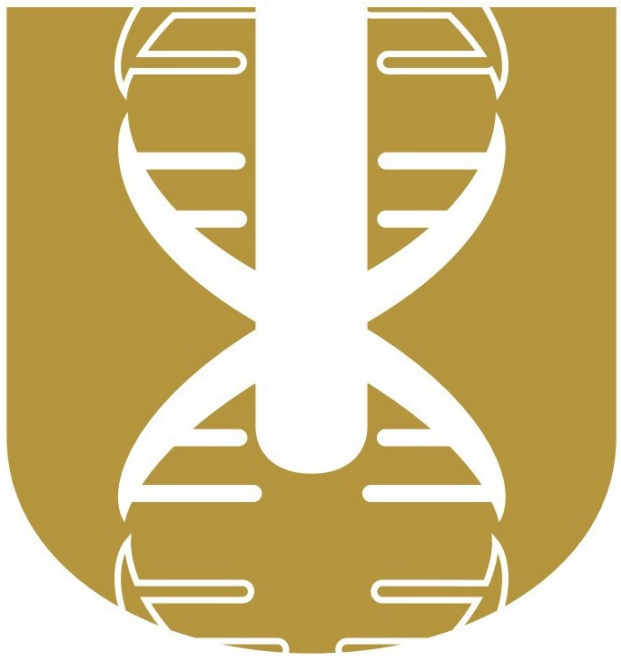
SHINOBU: It's Matsuda's own fault. He's just a vegetable. A potato.



PRINCIPAL: What?

SHINOBU: Mom, you told me that when I'm nervous, I should picture everyone as a potato...

KAGEYAMA'S MOM: ...Shinobu...



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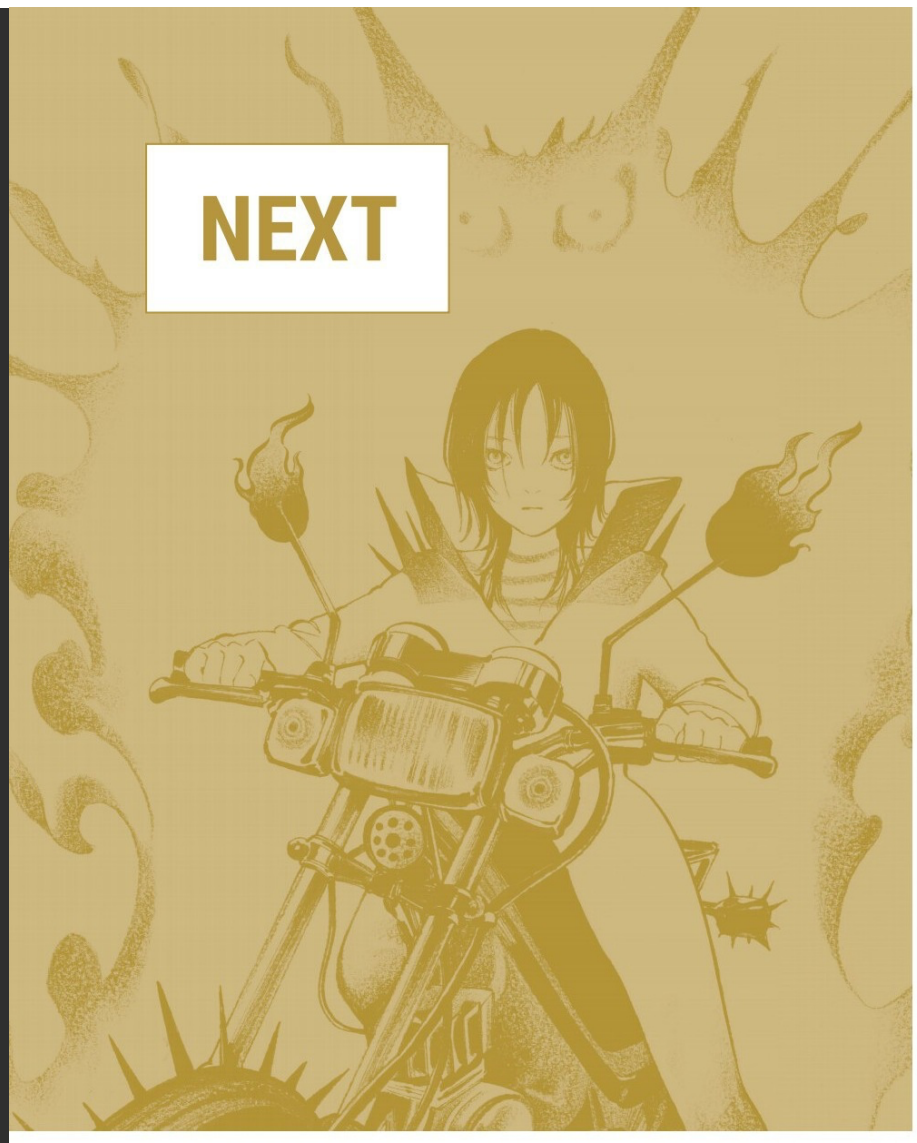

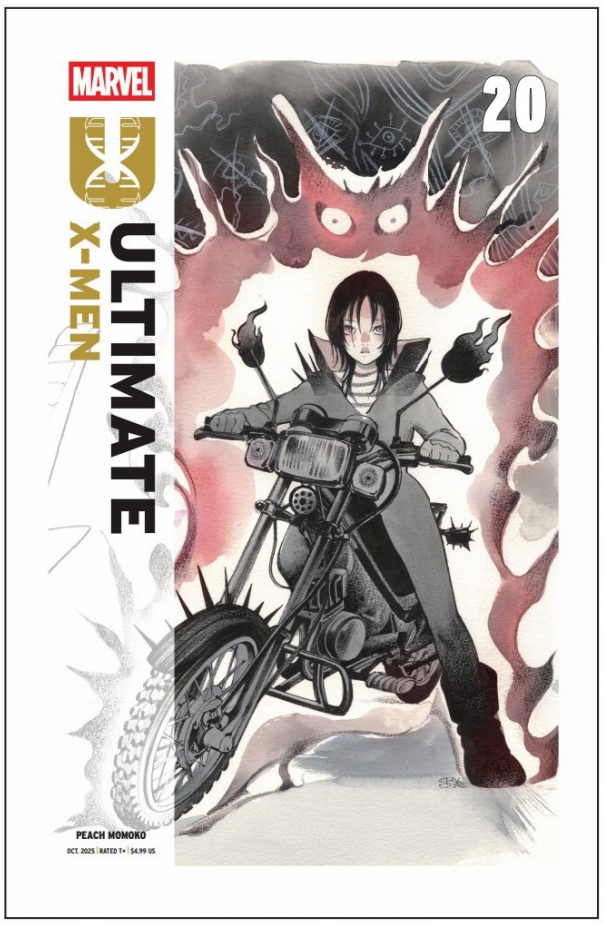

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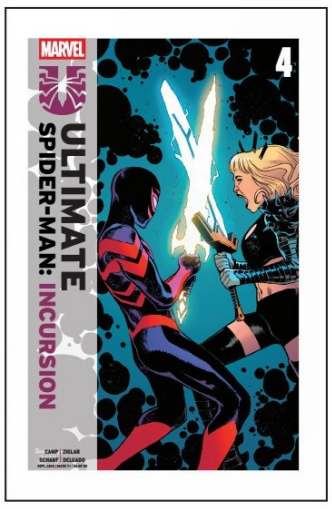

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